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William Weary, 'NYLS Finance Wizard' Dies

By Harry J. Katrichis

William Joseph Weary, Secretary-Registrar Emeritus of NYLS, died. Although he retired from his position as Secretary-Registrar of NYLS in late 1974, Dr. Weary was still active and interested in the school's affairs at the time of his passing. His very reason for being in New York was his home. Although his death was his desire, out of devotion to the school, to attend the commencement exercise in early 1977.

Dr. Weary was born and raised in northwestern Pennsylvania. He kept his age pretty much to himself, but he was believed to have been 82 years old at his death. He attended college rather later in his life, enrolling at St. John's College of Business Administration in 1927 as an evening student. Three years later, while still a student, he was appointed that school's Registrar. In 1931 he received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration degree, cum laude. In less than three years he became Acting Dean of St. John's and, in 1935, Dean of that college's Business Administration, which then had some 1,000 students, increasing by 1940 to 5,000, with a faculty of some 40 professors, and two campuses, in Brooklyn and Jamaica.

In June of 1962, Dr. Weary retired from his position at St. John's and moved to California to live with his sister. At this time NYLS was suffering from fiscal uncertainty. The school desperately needed a "businessman" who could balance its finances and start the school back on the road to fiscal health. In the words of then Dean Daniel Gutman, the school "was not as stable as it could be." There was "lots wrong with the school.

Through the combined efforts of Judge Charles D. Proess, Dr. John W. Thornton and Dean Gutman, Dr. Weary was sought out in California to return to New York to become Secretary-Registrar of NYLS. He began his new position in early 1963 and soon had the school out of serious financial trouble. As Dean Emeritus Gutman recalls, it was through his "timeless efforts, great cooperation and the integrity with which he performed his duties, and went beyond his duties, that the school was able to right itself." Dean Gutman also recalls that it was Dr. Weary who "set up the administrative workings of the school," purchasing necessary equipment, such as typewriters, where the previous policy had been to send work out. He did much of this work on this new machinery himself, for he spent long hours at the school, seven days a week.

The people he worked closest with loved him the most. Included in his number was a group of dedicated women who were once known as Dr. Weary's "girls." Audrey Corke, Dorothy Corke, Ruth Block, Judy Compernt and Geraldine Wenz all worked for Dr. Weary during his time here. In discussions with Audrey Corke about Dr. Weary, there emerges the character of "real human being." Dr. Weary expected a great deal from his staff, but he allowed them to do their work without standing over them like a watchdog. He delegated duties and expected them to be done, but he was always available to lend assistance.

Shapiro Comments

Dr. E. Donald Shapiro said, "I think it's a great loss to NYLS. Not many did more to help the legal school, when it had great economic troubles, than Dr. Weary."

Dr. Weary was a man who had to be helpful. He had to be able to give of himself. That is why he ended his retirement to come to the aid of the law school. In 1975, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree as a reward for his devotion to the law school community. He had earlier received an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree from St. John's University. He also shared his life in fraternal circles, including the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Elks. In 1972, the Vincentian Community of St. John's University conferred upon Dr. Weary affiliate membership.

Some students felt that Dr. Weary was gruff and abrupt at times. That may have been so, but he always used his best judgement and worked for the students' best interests. As Dr. Thornton recalls, he "had no patience with the student or teacher who gave less than his best, but was always ready to help those who used their abilities to the fullest."

Night Student Murdered

By Jonah Treibwasser

Fred Fuller, a first-year evening division NYLS student, was beaten to death by a burglar discovered by Fuller in the student's apartment.

According to the early police reports, Fuller, 25, entered his home with his fiancee Marie Edwards around 9:30 P.M. on a weekday evening. The burglar returned to Fuller, who was in the living room of the East 19th Street walk-up, and beat him about the head with the pipe, killing him.

Placement Director Resigns

By Neal Greenfield

Robin Edwards, director of placement at New York Law School, has resigned effective June 21. She is now director of recruiting for a large law firm in Manhattan.

She resigned so quietly that many students did not know she was leaving until after she was gone. This, coupled with a report by a confidential source that there was friction between Ms. Edwards and the Administration, led some to believe that she was asked to leave or resigned in protest.

Placement Has No Comment

Edwards has no comment on the story.
Alumni Tribute to Development Asst. Gomperts

By Alison Greene

The NYLS Alumni Association, Dean Shapiro and other guests paid tribute to Judy Gomperts on June 23rd for her outstanding contributions to NYLS and the growth of the NYLS Alumni Association.

A very special person is retiring from NYLS this month and the loss will be shared by students, faculty, alumni and administration alike. Judy Gomperts, officially titled "Administrative Assistant, Development", has actually had a hand in almost every facet of NYLS since 1969.

Hired by the then Acting Dean, the Hon. Charles Fressel, Mrs. Gomperts focused much of her attention on the development of the alumni association. She has watched and nurtured the NYLS Alumni Association since that time and is proud that it has just attained the highest membership to date — over 1000 members.

With the arrival of Dean Shapiro in 1973, Judy became his secretary until the advent of the Office of Development and the arrival of Lucille Hillman.

Praising Miss Hillman, Judy said, "Working with Lucille was a labor of love." Now, she boasts, "the alumni are actively developing and proud to be associated with the growth of the school."

A great deal of the credit goes to Judy herself. She has worked actively with every President of the Alumni Association and has received only the highest praise from those who have worked with her. Sylvia Garland, Harry Ostrow, Judge Kapelman and others all honored and thanked her at her retirement luncheon, and she received compliments upon compliment from Dean Shapiro for her excellent work and dedication to NYLS.

Hillman said "institutions are made of individuals — Judy Gomperts is that rare individual who has always surpassed doing just the job at hand. She has lived her job and she has loved the people around her and that includes, most especially, the students and alumni. She will be terribly missed."

Judy herself has mixed feelings about leaving but is looking forward to her retirement to Tampa, Florida. She said she would "miss the many, many friends whom I shall never forget" but has plans to start the first NYLS Alumni Association chapter in Florida. Knowing Judy, it will be a huge success!

OBITUARIES

Edward H. Burger, ’06
Melvin F. Early, ’31
Frederick Hamish, ’25
Jacob Kronick, ’25
Oscar S. Rosner, ’18
Fred K. Segal, ’74
Edgar M. Souza, ’09
Judge Jack Stanislaw, ’29 (a former officer of the Alumni Association)
Emil Wachtel, ’30
Charles J. Wallace, ’17
Sydney Weitzer, ’27

NYC M.E. Dies

HELPERN — Milton, M.D., New York Law School records with profound sadness the passing of Dr. Milton Helpern, LL.D., New York Law School, retired Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, whose long and distinguished career benefited all of New York's citizenry, and who will continue to serve as a beacon in the field of jurisprudence for future generations. We extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Helpern and the family on their tragic loss.

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HUNGRY? TRY GIL'S HOT AND COLD MENU.

ALUMNI: 'COME ON OVER'

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SPECIAL NOTE: THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OF NYLS RECEIVES A PERCENTAGE OF GIL'S BUSINESS.

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NYLS Gets New Prof

A former protege of NYLS Professor Myres McDougal is the most recent addition to the NYLS faculty for 1977-78. (See story, page 1, April 23, 1977 EQUITAS.)

Professor Lung-Chu Chen received his LL.B. summa cum laude from the National Taiwan University, an LL.M. from Northwestern University, and an J.S.D. from Yale.

Professor Chen is a former protege of NYLS Professor Harold Lasswell of the John Marshall Law School, and is the co-author of "The Higher Education Services Corporation: a Model for Access to Education," a study published by the Higher Education Services Corporation. He is also the author of "A Study of the Tuition Assistance Program," a paper published by the National Association of State Student Assistance Authorities.

News in Brief

Duryea Raps TAP

ALBANY - Assembly Minority Leader Perry Duryea in a report to college and law school newspapers has severely criticized the tuition assistance program in New York. "The State's Tuition Assistance Program has been characterized by foul-ups, malfunctions and delays in its administration." Duryea has prefixed corrective legislation for action during the 1978 legislative session (Bill A-769).

During the 1976 fall semester, the Higher Education Services Corporation experienced serious delays in processing up to one-half of student applications for financial assistance.

Sacks and Thornton Address 1977 Graduation

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Sacks and Thornton praised the graduating class as the best and brightest ever graduated from what Thornton termed, amid snickers by the graduates, as the "second-best" law school in the country, adding "I twist history in deference to our guest."

Student Murdered

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hearing of the brutal murder of student Fuller. Registrar Anthony J. Scallon said, "Our feelings and our thoughts can only be for the parents of a point. It's a really shocking loss."

Other students and staff members questioned too, upset to speak or be quoted.

While attending NYLS at night, Fuller was employed during the day by the New York Stock Exchange. The 1974 Queens College alumnus was described by a source in the NYLS administration as being "an excellent student."

Lexis Training Available

All students who can spare two hours for LEXIS training this summer are urged to sign up at the 8th floor desk for a convenient training session.

In general, the training sessions will be held Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., and 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. All sessions will be at least two hours in length and will allow students to solve actual problems as well as to learn the mechanical operation of LEXIS.

Sacks and Thornton's annual meeting is being held August 4-11 in Chicago. EQUITAS' coverage of the convention will be supplied by reporter Harry J. Katrichis.

NYLS' SBA President Lindsay Rosenberg and LSD representative Wendy Grossman will also be in Chicago for the convention.

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EDITORIALS

Anyone For Volleyball?

During the last exam period, a professor entered the room in which her class’ exam was being held, threw up a set of keys and asked in a loud voice whether any of the students cared to have a game of volleyball.

Reaction among the students varied. Some thought the professor was trying to relieve the tension of the test, while others expressed the belief that he had acted out of a malicious motive. Most students interviewed said the incident had disrupted their train of thought and indicated annoyance that such an incident occurred.

The professor involved said that she was trying to relieve the tension of the test by making a joke.

We feel an examination is not a joking matter and that an apology is due those students who were adversely affected.

Commencement

...was a joyous occasion, and our compliments go to Lucille Hillman, Director of Alumni Affairs, and to the many student ushers for the excellent job they did under especially trying circumstances.

We also salute “Colonel” Andrew Simak for his valiant efforts to corral our jubilant and boisterous graduates into some semblance of order for their professional.

Dean E. Donald Shapiro has announced that negotiations are now under way for a larger hall for future commencements. We strongly support this move. The Alice Tully hall is much too small for our purposes.

Many family members had to be left home due to the spartan seating of Alice Tully Hall and EQUITAS reporters observed no less than two “altercations” among parents battling for seats. A larger hall will avoid future black eyes and future disappointments.

The SBA Handbook

The Student Bar Association Handbook is the result of hard work and long hours by the committee members involved. We applaud their efforts and commend them highly for producing a most useful publication.

Unfortunately, the handbook has fallen victim to a common malady among publications - the malady of omission. This is a malady which EQUITAS also succumbs to regularly.

Omissions are felt more keenly by the omitted party than by even a whole group, at least the recipient of the omission knows that he or she has not been forgotten.

The particular omission we speak of was the failure to list Gil Hollander in the restaurant and law book sellers section.

Farewell To A Cherished Friend

EQUITAS joins the rest of the NYLS community in bidding farewell to Judy Gomperts, who retired June 30.

Judy will be sorely missed by all. In addition to her efficient administrative abilities and her warm, pleasant personality, Judy brought a deep devotion and loyalty to NYLS and a genuine concern for the students.

Our nine year affair with Judy Gomperts is over, but the romance continues. All our best wishes to you, Judy. We love you.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Some of the 30-columns in the last issue of EQUITAS contained some rather disturbing comments about the school's administration. The importance of publishing all opinions cannot be too highly regarded, but I think that much of what was said was one sided and for the sake of fairness, another point of view should be presented.

Over my last three years at NYLS I have seen growth and progress which is quite remarkable when looked at as a whole. And, while I have said many times on these pages over the past three years that the administration is ultimately responsible for any problems that exist at NYLS, these same problems must also be highly commended for the remarkable progress. Here is an incomplete list of some of these advances (all of which have occurred under Dean Shapiro's administration): - A new building was acquired. - The number of full time faculty has substantially increased over the two floors it occupied only two years ago. - The school has attained AALS accreditation - a feat it had not been able to do under prior administrations. - New trustees have been named, many of whom are from very prominent educational institutions. - A new bookstore and cafe- teria are very well run by Gil Hollander (we had nothing more than a few food machines three years ago). - Both a Placement Office and a Financial Aid Office have been set up. - The library now has its own microfilm room and has been constantly increasing its film library, its viewers and its copiers.

Most recently, NYLS became the first school in the metropolitan area to obtain computerized research in the form of LEXIS.

While these are only a few of the improvements which have occurred at NYLS over the past three years, they exemplify the strides made toward becoming a national law school. Dean Shapiro and Associate Dean Beanz, along with the rest of the administration (yes, this even includes Mr. Scanlon), suffer a grave injustice if they are only held responsible for the problems which have arisen at NYLS. In all fairness, they should be congratulated, and even thanked, for the many vast improvements that have occurred at our school during their administration.

Are there still problems at NYLS? Of course, and I am sure that the EQUITAS staff will actively investigate and expose these problems.

I submit this letter for publication after I have left the staff of EQUITAS and completed my three years at NYLS, because I want no one to accuse EQUITAS of being pro-administration and therefore not an objective observer. Nevertheless, now that I am no longer Editor, I, like everyone else, am entitled to my opinion, and I believe that credit must be given where it is due.

In closing, I would like to convey what I was told by a prominent member of the ABA re-evaluation team which came here one and a half years ago; when I asked him what he thought of NYLS (after he had asked me the same question); he said the school had vastly improved and that it was of national quality, but that it would still take some time for its reputation to catch up with it.

Jimmie Tricarico '77

Editor's note: Mr. Tricarico is the former Editor in Chief of this newspaper.
EQUITAS: Dean, the alumni have referred to you as a miracle man, while the students have sometimes referred to you in terms that we cannot print in a family newspaper such as EQUITAS. Where do you see your own role between those two extremes?

DEAN SHAPIRO: Obviously, I think that both are extremes. I see myself as doing a job to try to create a quality educational institution dedicated to excellence, and to do that you really do what you think is right, in every instance, you're going to make enemies almost every time you make a decision. I consider the students' interests, I think, in every decision I make. I think the students are paramount in a law school...their concerns them, and I think that it's been worked out so that the faculty, the administration and the students were all happy.

EQUITAS: What is your position on posting grades? Do you support the posting of grades or are you opposed?

SHAPIRO: I personally favor posting of grades, very strongly, however I look upon this as a faculty matter and I will enforce the faculty rule.

EQUITAS: What has happened in that respect?

SHAPIRO: There will be a joint faculty-student committee appointed to explore how to make faculty-student contacts greater, rather than lesser, which I think is the traditional way that most good law schools have hired new faculty, the real aim of all. Even those who from students with very high wanting to abolish office hours felt that the motive to do so was that they should be more as productive as they'd like to take the 15 or 16 new students; that's the next topic. I think the overwhelming majority of the student body have had extensive experience, because we realize that one of the problems is the age balance and the experience balance of the faculty has been off, and now we're hiring those with extensive experience. To give you an example, Professor McDougal will be returning; he's taught extensively at Yale. Dean Foster will be coming; he's taught at Vanderbilt, at Yale, and at the University of South Carolina at Louisville. He is one of the most experienced law teachers in America in his area. He's a reporter to the UCC, Professor Sullivan has taught three years at the University of Mississippi.
The Student Bar Association has been actively planning programs and services to benefit all students. The fall semester's activities will commence with First Year Student Orientation in the middle of August. The chairperson of the Orientation Committee, John Reddy, needs volunteer upperclassmen to conduct tours of the school and lead small group discussions. If interested, either leave a message at the SBA office, mailbox, or on our new telephone answering machine. Also of interest to incoming students is the Student Advisement Program, currently in the planning stages. This program will provide first year students with ongoing counseling from upperclassmen.

After the success of last year's school-wide picnic, Oktoberfest, the SBA will sponsor the Second Annual New York Law School Picnic and Outing. Slated for either September 17 or 24, further details and ticket information will be forthcoming. All NYLS students, faculty, administration, alumni, and friends will be invited.

Also planned for the fall are movie programs, weekly or biweekly wine and cheese parties with the faculty and administration, and the implementation of SBA Office Hours in the First Floor Lounge of 47 Worth Street.

Of particular interest to the graduating class of 1978, the location of the fall semester's activities will be Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center, with an approximate seating capacity of 2700, twice the capacity of this past year's Alice Tully Hall commencement. Thanks to Dean Shapiro and Lucille Hillman on this lucky find. Also of interest to incoming students is the Student Orientation in the middle of August. The chairperson of the Orientation will be Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center, with an approximate seating capacity of 2700, twice the capacity of this past year's Alice Tully Hall commencement. Thanks to Dean Shapiro and Lucille Hillman on this lucky find. Also of interest to incoming students is the Student Orientation in the middle of August. The chairperson of the Orientation will be Dean Shapiro and Lucille Hillman.

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(Editor's note: As we go to press nearly six weeks after the last examination, all grades have not been sent out.)

EQUITAS: Would computerization of the grading procedure help any?

SHAPIRO: No.

EQUITAS: Dean Shapiro, you are now starting your fifth year at NYLS. What do you feel have been your major accomplishments so far and what would you like to accomplish in the future?

SHAPIRO: I think our major accomplishment has been to increase the size and quality of the faculty, increase the quality of the student body and broaden the curriculum.

When I came there was only a handful of students. Now, I think, one of the foremost curriculums in the country.

EQUITAS: Do you have any words of advice to the entering first year students on how to succeed at NYLS?

SHAPIRO: I think the study of law, as we both know, does not come through osmosis. It is not difficult, but it does require steady, constant work. And you can't do it all at the end of the semester. It has to become your top, foremost priority during your first year.

EQUITAS: Thank you, Dean.